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SUBJECT: VORSTER SPEAKS ON THE LIMITS TO CHANGE WITHIN SOUTH
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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. IN SPEECH THIS PAST WEEKEND, PRIME MINISTER
VORSTER REPEATED HIS DENIAL THAT IN EARLIER SPEECH HE HAD
FORECAST DRAMATIC CHANGES IN RACE RELATIONS WITHIN SOUTH
AFRICA. HE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT SEPARATION OF RACES
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REMAINS BEDROCK OF HIS DOMESTIC RACIAL POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SPEECH DELIVERED NOVEMBER 16 AT WESTERN TRANSVAAL TOWN OF ZEERUST, VORSTER REITERATED THAT WHEN, IN HIS NIGEL SPEECH NOVEMBER 5, HE SPOKE OF MAJOR CHANGES WITHIN NEXT 6 TO 12 MONTHS, HE WAS NOT REFERRING TO DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA. HE BLAMED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS FOR WHAT HE TERMED WAS A MALICIOUS AND COMPLETELY DISTORTED INTERPRETATION OF WHAT HE HAD SAID AT NIGEL.

3. VORSTER EMPHASIZED THAT WHITES WOULD CONTINUE TO RULE SOUTH AFRICA AND THAT POWER OF BLACKS TO GOVERN WOULD BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO HOMELANDS. HE SAID: "I WANT TO SAY IT DELIBERATELY AND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GREATEST FRIENDLINESS TO ALL THE LEADERS OF THE BLACK PEOPLE: IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE AROUSING YOUR HOPES THAT THERE WILL ONE DAY BE ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE IN THE WHITE PARLIAMENT FOR YOU, THEN THEY ARE MISLEADING BECAUSE THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN." HE ALSO SAID THAT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD CONSIST OF "MAJORITY RULE FOR THE TSWANAS IN TSWANALAND, THE VENDAS IN VENDALAND, AND THE ZULUS IN KWAZULU. BUT THE WHITES WILL GOVERN SOUTH AFRICA."

4. THERE WOULD BE NO SHARING OF POWER BETWEEN WHITES, AFRICANS, COLORED AND ASIAN: "WHEN YOU HAVE SHARED POLITICAL POWER WITH ANY OTHER PERSON, WHITE OR BLACK, YOU CAN NEVER AGAIN TAKE IT AWAY."

5. VORSTER SAID THAT DISCRIMINATION AND "DIFFERENTIATION" WERE TWO DIFFERENT CONCEPTS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED. RACE DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE ELIMINATED ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT. MOREOVER, HE WISHED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IF IT WAS EXPECTED OF THE GOVERNMENT TO REPEAL ANY MEASURE WHICH WOULD ENDANOER THE "IDENTITY" OF WHITES OR TAKE POLITICAL POWER OUT OF THEIR HANDS, "THEN I AM NOT PREPARED TO TAKE THOSE MEASURES."

6. LOOKING AT SOUTHERN AFRICA AS A WHOLE, VORSTER DECLARED THAT HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED. HE SAID HE WELCOMED THE REACTION OF AFRICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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LEADERS TO HIS SPEECH IN THE SENATE DURING THE LAST PARLIAMENTARY SESSION. HE WANTED TO REPEAT THAT SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS AT THE CROSSROADS BETWEEN PEACE AND AN ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE. HE WAS ASTOUNDED THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO CRITICIZED HIM FOR CHOOSING THE ROAD OF PEACE. HE HAD CHOSEN THE ROAD OF PEACE NOT OUT OF WEAKNESS BUT OUT OF THE STRENGTH OF SOUTH AFRICA.
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